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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

August 29, 2001

Box PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.
Our Ref: 817LR/50045

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Robert Michael STEWART; Chan Pak KUEN; Ralph Nicholas SPEARMAN; Norhisham MD Sanusi; David William FOUNTAIN

entitled: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR COAGULATING AND DRYING LATEX

Enclosed are:

1. Specification, including 22 claims (pages 1-17, plus specification front page).
2. 2 Sheets of Informal drawings showing Figs. 1 and 2.
3. X Declaration and Power of Attorney (executed/2 pages).
4. Assignment of the invention to Linatex Rubber Products SDN BHD, Malaysia.
5. Certified copy of Priority Document PI 20003975 filed in Malaysia on 29 August 2000, the priority of which is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55.
6. Preliminary Amendment.
7. Petition under 37 CFR §1.47(a) on behalf of co-inventor who refuses to sign declaration.
8. The filing fee has been calculated after entry of the preliminary amendment as shown below:

Basic Fee				\$355/710 = \$710.00
Total Claims	<u>22</u>	-	<u>20</u> = <u>2</u>	x \$ 9/18 = \$ 36.00
Independent Claims	<u>4</u>	-	<u>3</u> = <u>1</u>	x \$40/80 = \$ 80.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented				\$135/270 = \$
Total Filing Fee				<u>\$826.00</u>

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required filing fee, assignment recording fee, and petition fee in the amounts of \$826.00, \$40.00 and \$130.00, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket 817LR/50045). A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: ROBERT M. STEWART ET AL.

Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned

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Title: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR COAGULATING AND DRYING
LATEX

**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) ON BEHALF OF CO-INVENTOR WHO
REFUSES TO SIGN DECLARATION**

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a), Applicant hereby requests that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office accept the accompanying U.S. patent application for filing by the remaining co-inventors, on behalf of themselves, and on behalf of a co-inventor who cannot be located, as provided in 35 U.S.C. §116. In accordance with M.P.E.P. Part 409.03(a) the remaining co-inventors have executed the declaration with respect to this application, on behalf of themselves, and on behalf of the non-signing co-inventors, as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.64.

The name and last known address of the non-signing inventors are as follows:

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee set forth in \$1.17(h) to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #817LR/50045).

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §116, and 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) have been satisfied, and requests that the accompanying U.S. patent application be accepted for filing on behalf of the inventors listed in the declaration.


If there are any questions regarding this Petition or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any

deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit
Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #817LR/50045).

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